Marks wants vote on recreation grant

A plebiscite on the question of a specific tax levy for recreation could be held in Acton when the municipal elections roll around in December.

Board of Parks and Recreation chairman Peter Marks is investigating the feasibility of holding a plebiscite. He hopes to start action on the matter at the next council meeting.

Reports on meeting Reporting on the recent meeting at which local sports organizations applied for ice time in the arena, vice-chairman Bob Laughlen said representatives were critical of this year's 50 per cent increase in fees. Mr. Laughlen replied the board was forced to increase fees in order to balance a budget reduced by

He suggested representatives

apply to clerk-administrator Joe Hurst to have their names placed on council's agenda at a future

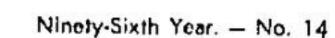
Must be larger grant Offering his answer to the problem, Mr. Laughlen said, "There has to be a larger grant.

The town must assume recreation is more important than they seem to think."

According to the Ontario Municipal Act, if 15 per cent of the electorate petition council a plebiscite must be held, chairman Marks reported.



WHAT IS IT? If you stumbled on this creature or thing on a walk through the woods It might give you a start. Turn to the inside pages and see.



ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1970

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60th anniversary

Congratulations were extended Sunday by about 100 callers to Mr. and Mrs.Jim Morrison, who were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. The "at home" and family dinner party were held in the scout hall on Sunday.

Grandson Peier Morrison received the guests at the door, and granddaughters Mrs. Bob heatley and Miss Shirley Morrison poured tea.

Principal David Katz of Acton

District High School has an-

nounced formation of a chapter of

International Fellowship, Inc., a

has exchanged over 15,000

students between the United

States and Latin American

Under the program, students

countries in the last 15 years.

student exchange program.

Farmed to area

The Morrisons were married in Alton on September 30, 1910; she was the former Mabel Bass. They farmed in Caledon before coming to their farm on the first line of Erin, three miles out of Acton. Since they retired about 25 years ago they have lived just on the outskirts of town at R. R. 1.

Their children are daughters Thelma (Mrs. George Barnes) and Lena (Mrs. Bill Nelles) who

set up at Acton High

Summer in Latin America

from Acton High may visit a

country of their choice in ex-

change for hosting a student for

For each three months that a

student attends Acton District

may spend a summer in Latin

America. Since the seasons are

reversed, Mr. Katz points out

tend school while abroad, thus

that Canadian students will at-

three, six or nine months.

DISTRICT FARMERS for many years, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison look back over 60 years of marriage at their anniversary celebration in the scout hall Sunday. — (Staff Photo)

> eight grandchildren and a greatgranddaughter, Julie Heatley. The couple enjoy good health, and Mr. Morrison still drives to Milton to work as a guard each day. They are Baptists and were happy to receive congratulations from their former pastor, the

> Flowers, gifts and cards were received for the occasion.

becoming versed in Spanish

without losing any time from

The International Fellowship

has established a Canadian office

in Toronto, since many Canadian

schools are participating in our

exchange student program.

Any parents in the community interested in accepting an exchange student are invited to the

High School on Wednesday, October 7, when Mr. Coats and

Mr. Skerrett will outline the

High Scout honor

classes at Acton.

on Sundays in accordance with provisions of the Lord's Day Act, uve close by, and son William, Ask manor doctor who lives on Cook St. They have

to resign position A long-standing difference of opinion came to a head last week when Dr. J. W. McCutcheon of Milton and the Halton Centennial Rev. Stanley Gammon. Manor Board of Management decided to part company. Dr. McCutcheon, who has been the

home's physician for nine years, was asked to resign by the board. The dispute centred around periodic health examinations. In Student exchange program June the doctor was asked by the Manor board to bring the residents' records up to date and

Warmer

Weather forecast for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, supplied by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office in Milton:

Fair weather is expected for Wednesday and Thursday and likely showers on Friday. A warming trend is indicated with afternoon temperatures in the mid 60's Wednesday and near 70 by Friday. Overnight temperatures will range from 45-50

to see that every resident had at least one thorough examination each year. This had not been done in the past but was required by the provincial government.

Friday and Saturday from 3 p.m.

Dominion Day, Civic Holiday,

Penalties for breaches of the

by-law will be \$300 for each of-

Close hour earlier

Big change in the by-law, which

replaced an earlier one, was an

hour changed from the closing

hour through the week. It was

reduced from 11.30 to 10.30 p.m.,

but Friday and weekend hours

Final chapter in the dragway

by-laws was labelled 29-70 and

allows public games and sports

remain unchanged.

Monday from 1.30 to 7.30 p.m.

from 3 p.m. to 11,30 p.m.

Wednesday at a board meeting Dr. McCutcheon reported to the committee and offered a proposal that he felt would meet the needs. He suggested residents should be made aware that the health examination was available and what it includes. He said residents should have the privilege to accept or decline the examination and if they accepted, they should be given the choice of having their own doctor or the home physician do the

Dr. McCutcheon said there was far too much paper work involved to give each resident a thorough examination. He said he was 65 years old and the board should consider a younger man. He noted the board might be wise, if during the latter half of the week it did not hire a younger man, to hire a semi-retired man on a full time basis.

Dr. McCutcheon will resign effective Oct. 30. He was paid on Wednesday up to 50-55 by \$14,000 a year on a part time

Pass by-laws to regulate racing, allow Sunday sports in Esquesing

Esquesing Council passed three by-laws Monday night to regulate parking, regulating and licensing racing and regulating Sunday sport in the township, all inspired by complaints over the Golden Horseshoe Dragway.

The parking by-law, which was opposed by Deputy Reeve Tom Hill and Councillor Ken Marshall, prohibits parking between the Sixth and Seventh Concessions on Lots 28, 29 and 30. Signs will be posted to advise motorists parking or leaving vehicles will be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$25 for the first offence and \$50 for the second and further offences.

Renew annually

Councillor Marshall also opposed the by-law licensing and regulating the racing or motor vehicles in the township. License fee for an unlimited track was set at \$5,000 annually, a drag strip or straight track at \$1,000 annually and a motorcycle track at \$2,500 annually, the license to be renewed annually by council prior to the expiry of the current

The by-law restricts race which the dragway has been charged with contravening. meetings to three in each calendar week and sets hours for The by-law will allow motor June, July and August from

vehicle and motorcycle races in Monday to Thursday inclusive September and October from 1,30 from 2 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. and to 7.30 p.m. Also allowed will be sports such as baseball, football, to 11.30 p.m. Racing in Seprugger, soccer, curling, cricket, tember and October can be held basketball, bowling, athletic Friday and Saturday inclusive contests, go-kart races, skating, horse show activities, golf, flying, Racing will be allowed on badminton and tennis. Hours for the foregoing will be from 1.30 Labor Day and Thanksgiving p.m. until midnight.

Hasty decision

Councillor Marshall opposed the no-parking by-law because he said council was running the risk of making a hasty decision brought on by the drag strip. He felt council should take a look at all the problems which might arise, including as a for instance, the possibility for the same action from other parts of the township. He was supported in this by the

deputy-reeve who envisioned problems in the villages of the

Lays charges

Charges filed against the Golden Horseshoe Dragway for alleged violation of township bylaws that set out hours of operation, will be heard in Esquesing council Monday night. Mr. Bowman contended the

charges should have been laid by the township but he decided to go ahead when there was no action from council. He has been a consistent critic of dragway

the Lord's Day Act which are being considered by Attorney-General Arthur Wishart.

Eleven charges of trespassing are also being laid by Mr. Bowman against Individuals allegedly using his property, which abuts the dragway to see action at the racing strip.

township. But Councillors Miller they have to go to work," anand Leslie supported the by-law, claiming it did no harm to other people. They said requests from other parts of the township would be handled on their merits.

The reeve, who broke a tie vote to pass the by-law, reminded council they had possed a similar law several years ago to regulate hunters parking on township roads. The by-law is subject to approval of the Department of Transport.

Needs rest

Discussion on the licensing and regulation of hours for racing was instigated by Deputy-Reeve Hill who said he sympathized with people in the area of the drag strip. He advocated changing the by-law to earlier closing so residents who must rise early could get enough rest.

"I go along with Tom." declared Mr. Miller, an early riser. "I sympathize with people who have to get up at 6 a.m." Councillor Marshall, sole op-

ponent of the by-law, said he would go half-way - to 11 p.m. rather than 10.30 p.m. - for an earlier closing but thought any

sooner than that hour would be

unduly penalizing the dragway.

"People must get their rest if

swered the deputy-reeve. Two more meets Dragway owner Carl Bristow.

an observer, stepped forward to tell council the hours of regulation would not affect him much this year anyway since he planned only two more race meets on Sundays before he wrapped it up for the season.

law for the balance of the season but might want to start earlier next year," he said, "There's not much chance of

"I have no objection to the by-

running in January and February, is there?" asked the

The deputy-reeve reminded council there was nothing pertaining to snowmobiles in the bylaw, but the reeve said Mr. Bristow told him that at no time would be allow snowmobiles on the dragway because they "tear bell" out of the track.

Mr. Bristow affirmed this, Final stroke in the months-long discussions and passage of bylaws was a direction to the clerk to prepare copies of the by-laws for individual members of council to consult in the event of calls from residents claiming they were being flouted.

board requests

Acton Board of Parks Management is asking citizens to observe "No Trespassing" signs on a portion He is also laying charges under of land at the foot of Elmore Drive, adjacent to Fairy

> clarification is forthcoming. Until the dispute is settled, the board recommends the signs be honored.

provincial court in Milton Oc-tober 19, Peter Bowman told Observe Signs

Ownership of the land is presently in dispute but

The land is not under Parks Board jurisdiction.

Credit Union hires full time manager

Mr. Katz said that the program High School, one local student

Acton Community Credit Union this week armounced the appointment of a full time managertreasurer to look after expanding

Brendan Aherne, 51 Moadvale Road, has been appointed to the new post. He will be in the office at 20 Mill St. E. five days each week, exclusive of Sundays and Mondays. Office hours have been extended, too, commencing Thursday, to service expansion of the credit union.

"It was simply a case of having to expand or sit still" said Mr. Aberne. Business of the Acton community credit union has Hope for ice grown steadily over the past few years, reaching the point where it by October 10 requires a full time secretarymanager to operate properly.

another step in Acton's Saturday, October 10. Union.



BRENDAN AHERNE

Providing the weatherman cooperates, arena manager Harold Expansion of the credit union is Townsley hopes to have ice by

strengthening financial section Public skating hours this year which now boasts four banks, a are Sunday afternoon from 1.45 loan company and the Credit until 3.45 and Saturday night from 7.50 until 9.50.

Award Silver Cross to Steven Papillon

Norman Herbert, Scout District Commissioner, added another honor to the long list of awards Citizen of the Year Steven Papillon has received this

At a brief campfire ceremony witnessed by his mother and father and dignitaries of the Scout world, Steven received one of the highest awards in scouting Thursday night - the Silver

Cross. Commissioner Herbert made the presentation of the emblem Thursday and the 12 year-old Acton scout will be presented with the Silver Cross medal at a fall investiture in Ottawa by the Country's chief scout, Governor General Roland Michener.

Rescues Susan Hill

Steven received the award for his action in rescuing 10 year-old Susan Hill from the waters of Fairy Lake March 6.

Susan was playing on the ice when it gave way and plunged her into deep water. Her heavy clothing became waterlogged and began dragging her under. Susan's sister Vickie tried to hang on but realizing she couldn't take the weight began to scream for help.

Steven Papillon was one of two boys who answered the call. One pulled back from the unsafe ice but he caught hold of Susan and held on, dragging her out of the water and back onto the ice.

lightly, said Commissioner Herbert. They are considered very carefully, investigated and the degree of the award depends on the deed. Steven's award is one of the highest.

First Silver Cross Steven's award is the first one in the Georgetown district. Attending the ceremony were Counsellor Murray Harrison, acting Scouter in the absence of

Gordon McCann, Assistant District Commissioner Gordon Douglas, Georgetown, Rotary Club president John Anderson, counsellors and fellow scouts.

The brief ceremony followed an outdoor campfire by the lat Scout awards are not given Acton Troop.



SCOUT STEVEN PAPILLON accepts the Silver Cross badge and accompanying letter from District Commissioner Norman Herbert with

Counsellor Murray Harrison assisting. The award is one of the highest a scout can receive.—(Staff Photo)